

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES  
VIRTUAL  
January 7, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Brian VanCamp, Larry Fontanilla, Steve Brooks, Alex Christiansen, Chris Clem, Keith Flewelling, Russ Kaleiwahea, Todd Carson (Alt for Mark John), Jeff DeHahn, Mindy Churchwell, Brian Hurley

**ABSENT:** LouAnn Morriss, Wendy Rife, Mark Gregory

**EXCUSED:**

**GUESTS:** Scott Jones, Matt Gantenbein, Shawn Crimmins, Karen Weiss

**STAFF:** Sandra Bush, Ben Miller-Todd, Anna Lee Drewry

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – The meeting was called to order at 2:00.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –MSC** – Old Business, Item A (EMSC Report) removed; New Business, Item C, Appoint Nominations Committee, Item D, Advisory Committee Recruitment, Item E, Medic One Staff Temporary Assignments, was added to the agenda. (Clem/DeHan) move to approve the agenda as amended, and this carried.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Karen Weiss announced Ciaran Keogh as the new rep on Ops for the Paramedic Association. Alternate name is pending.

**IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Operations Committee – December 2, 2021 – (Kaleiwahea/Hurley) move to approve and this carried.
2. EMS Council – No December meeting

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. **West Region EMS Council** – See December Ops meeting minutes for the December 1<sup>st</sup> WREMS meeting report.

B. **Subcommittees**

1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – No report.
2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – No report.
3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Clem reported: 1) The final draft job description for the lead evaluator and individual agency lead evaluators will be reviewed at the next TAC meeting and then presented to Ops. 2) There is progress on scheduling the evaluator workshops and moving forward trying to plan out OTEP and evaluator status on the new model.
4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) / Hospital Diversion – Brooks reported: We are in the middle of a continued crisis level for both transport and receiving facility capacity. The HPU has been staffed this week because private ambulance companies are impacted by their own staffing challenges. There has been some level of success for HPU staffing but there continues to be challenges with overall BLS transport availability. There are also turnaround time challenges at the hospitals due to record high volumes through the emergency departments. Clem added that Olympic is being hit hard with COVID, however they are working at bringing some of the staff back over the next couple of days.
5. ePCR Committee – Miller-Todd reported: The committee will be discussing PCR/NO PCR at the February meeting. The committee meets every other even month on the third Wednesday. There will also be discussion on a couple of options going forward with what data points we want to collect in the ePCR because it was found that some of the changes made early on are actually lacking in some of the data questions.

C. **Staff Report** – Staff report is located on the website at – <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/m1/Pages/meetings.aspx>

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. EMS Council Action Report – Council did not meet in December.
- B. 2022 Ambulance License Applications – (Kaleiwahea/Hurley) move to recommend approval of the 2022 ambulance business license applications for AMR, Olympic, and Falck. This recommendation will be presented to the EMS council at their January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. OIQ Inventory Orders – Tracking Cost – Effective January 2022 Medic One will begin providing a report to agencies when supplies are picked up that will now include the cost of each item. This is an attempt to help agencies track their

BLS supply fund usage throughout the month/year. An email will go out to agencies explaining this change, and comments/feedback is welcome.

B. HPU Recommendation from TRU – Miller-Todd reported: The TRU committee did not feel it was necessary to continue to staff up the HPU beyond the emergency declaration stated by the State. There is a request to the State about whether we can continue to use the ambulance license for the HPU in the event a local disaster or emergency was declared. (Hurley/Carson) recommend the HPU to be discontinued outside of a declared emergency, whether its local, regional or state, and there will be no pursuing of an ambulance license for Thurston County Medic One, outside of a declared emergency, and this carried.

C. Appoint Nominations Committee – The committee will consist of Kaleiwahea, Crimmins, and Clem, and Kaleiwahea will Chair. The nominations committee will report back to Ops in February and elections will take place in March.

D. Advisory Committee Recruitment – Fontanilla is asking for volunteers from providers that can serve on an advisory committee to develop new protocols based on best practices and to look at existing protocols to make sure they are in line with actual in-the-field practice. He is looking for no more than 2 providers from each agency, and meetings would be on a Thursday, once a month, at Medic One. Meetings could start as early as February, and as late as May, with a two-year commitment to start with. This will be an ad-hoc committee and an advisory to the MPD, not to Ops. Fontanilla will email a letter to all providers

E. Medic One Staff Temporary Assignments – Hardin has been placed at Public Health as an Acting Director until the County fills the Director position. Drewry provided a list of responsibilities that will be shared between her and Miller-Todd, during Hardin's absence. The absence is expected to be 3 – 6 months. Two highlighted responsibilities - Drewry will staff the Ops meetings and Miller-Todd will staff the EMSC meetings.

**VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – Brooks stated that due to flooding concerns from the Chehalis river, the ECC is standing up at a level II activation and they are working on ESF4 support.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** – (Brooks/Clem) move to adjourn at 2:29, and this carried.